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FORMER POLK COUNTY POLICE CHIEF SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS

Rome, GA - WILLIAM "Billy" WILLS, JR., 48, former Chief of the Polk County Police Department, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Harold L. Murphy for making false statements to federal agents.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This police chief lied to federal agents about receiving guns in violation of his department's policy. It is a sad day when a person entrusted with leading a law enforcement agency instead violates the law. We will continue to vigorously pursue all those who abuse the public trust, recognizing that such prosecutions are required to protect the reputation of the vast majority of law enforcement officers who carry out their duties with courage, dedication, and integrity."

According to Nahmias and information presented in court: WILLS lied to federal agents during two separate interviews concerning whether he received guns from the Polk County Police Department without following the Department's policies for the disposition of evidence and other property. WILLS resigned from the Department after being charged in a federal indictment approximately six months ago.

WILLS was sentenced to one year of probation and ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000. WILLS was convicted of the charges on March 7, 2008, when he pleaded guilty to two counts of making false statements.

This case was investigated jointly by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Glenn D. Baker prosecuted the case.

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